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GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS STEMMING FROM FOUR SAVANNAH CARJACKINGS

SAVANNAH, GA: Lisa Godbey Wood, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced today that on March 10, 2006, a federal grand jury sitting in Savannah returned two separate indictments stemming from four carjackings that occurred in Savannah in 2005.

In the first indictment, **Calvin Wilson**, age 21, and **Torrance Dixon**, age 22, were each charged with two counts of carjacking, two counts of brandishing a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence, and two counts of interstate transportation of a stolen motor vehicle. The charges stem from two carjackings that occurred on April 17, 2005 and May 02, 2005 in downtown Savannah.

In the second indictment, **Timothy Drayton**, age 18, and **Justin Hamilton**, age 20, were each charged with one count of carjacking, and one count of brandishing a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence. These charges stem from a carjacking that occurred on August 5, 2005 in downtown Savannah. The indictment charges **Timothy Drayton** with additional counts of

carjacking and brandishing a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence stemming from an October 24, 2005 carjacking that occurred in downtown Savannah.

If convicted, the defendants face statutory maximum penalties ranging from ten years to life imprisonment, fines of up to \$250,000.00 and up to five years of supervised release, along with a \$100.00 special assessment per count.

Ms. Wood stressed that an indictment is only an accusation, and it is not evidence of guilt. The Defendants are entitled to a fair trial, during which it will be the Government's burden to prove their guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The cases were investigated by agents from the Savannah and Bluffton, South Carolina offices of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, detectives from the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department and detectives from the Jasper County, South Carolina, Sheriff's Department. The United States is represented by Assistant United States Attorney Robert M. Brennan.

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